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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR POW RETURNEES TO ATTEND GVN
NATIONAL DAY

1. GVN EMBASSY HERE HAS EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO SMALL
NUMBER OF FORMER U.S. POW TO VISIT VIETNAM AT GVN EXPENSE
OCTOBER 27- NOV. 3, TO BE HONORED GUESTS AT VIETNAM
NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES NOVEMBER 1, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN
RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS, GVN SENATORS, AND AMBASSADOR MARTIN;
LAYING WREATH AT GRAVE OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER, BRIEFINGS AT
NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE, ETC. THOSE INVITED INCLUDE
ARMY COL. FLOYD THOMPSON, LONGEST HELD US POW (CAPTURED
IN SVN MARCH, 1964); NAVY CMDR. JOHN S. MCCAIN JR., AND
FORMER AIR FORCE POW (NOW RETIRED) BERNARD TALLEY (WHO
RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY IN RECENT REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL PRIMARY
IN MARYLAND). VIETNAMESE INFORMATION SERVICE HERE HAS
ASKED USG TO RECOMMEND ONE OR TWO OTHER RETURNEES FOR THIS
TRIP, FOR TOTAL OF FOUR-FIVE PARTICIPANTS.

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2. SINCE ALL INVITEES EXCEPT TALLEY ARE ACTIVE DUTY US
MILITARY, WE AND DEFENSE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RECOM-
MENDATION ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM. TALLEY
HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE
OTHER INVITEES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ATTEND, SUBJECT TO
EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION AND DOD/SERVICE CONCURRENCES. INGERSOLL

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